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SUBJECT: BEN CHAVIS - BERLIN CONNECTION

1. APRIL 20 "NEUES DEUTSCHLAND" BACK PAGE CARRIED
PICTURE STORY "SOLIDARITY WITH BEN CHAVIS." OPENING
PARA READS, "THE PORTRAIT OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS
FIGHTER REVEREND BEN CHAVIS--IN OUR PHOTOGRAPH BEING
CARRIED BY DEMONSTRATORS IN FRONT OF THE WHITE
HOUSE IN WASHINGTON--HAS A SPECIAL HISTORY. TODAY IT
IS BEING CARRIED BY THE HUNDREDS BY AMERICAN CIVIL
RIGHTS FIGHTERS IN THEIR ACTIONS FOR THE WILMINGTON
10. BUT THE PORTRAIT WAS DONE IN BERLIN." STORY
DESCRIBES HOW PORTRAIT WAS DRAWN BY HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY
MEDICAL STUDENT AND PRESENTED TO SISTER OF BEN CHAVIS,
FRANCINE, WHO IS STUDYING HERE. LATER IT WAS SHOWN
TO CHAVIS IN PRISON, AND HIS MOTHER OFFERED "HEARTFELT
THANKS FOR THIS GESTURE OF SOLIDARITY."
ACCORDING TO PIECE, "THE PORTRAIT APPEARED AS THE
ARBITRARY SENTENCING OF THE WILMINGTON 10 AROUSED THE
SHOCK OF THE ENTIRE WORLD. STUDENTS OF HUMBOLDT JOINED
IN THIS PROTEST."

2. PIECE IS TYPICAL OF EMPHASIS WHICH GDR PRESS GIVES
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TO ALLEDGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN U.S., BUT EMPHASIS
ON "BERLIN CONNECTION" GIVES IT PARTICULAR INTEREST.
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